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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH Petitioner,

v.

Case Nos.: I-00-10372 C-00-10365

YOUSEF PAPAI TRUCKING and YOUSEF PAPAI

Respondents

ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR PAYMENT PLAN

On October 12, 2001, this administrative court issued an Order Regarding Partial Closure of a Matter in this case. That order noted that Respondents had filed an untimely plea of Admit and had paid the fine specified in the first Notice of Infraction. Because Respondents' response was untimely, the October 12 order noted that the additional \$500.00 penalty imposed by the default notice of September 25, 2000 remained in effect, and ordered Respondents to pay that amount within twenty days.

Respondents did not pay the \$500.00 penalty as ordered. On January 19, 2001, in apparent response to a Clerk's Notice of Failure To Make Timely Payment, issued January 3, 2001, Respondent Yousef Papai filed a letter requesting additional time to pay the penalty. The letter stated that the response to the first Notice of Infraction was late because Mr. Papai is only home once every two weeks to check his mail and because he needed time to save the \$500.00

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fine. He now seeks "a little more time to save the money" to pay the \$500.00 penalty imposed

by the October 12 order.

Mr. Papai's request for additional time to pay comes too late. As noted on the

instructions that accompanied the October 12 order, a Respondent may ask to pay a fine or

penalty in installments, but must make a request to do so within fifteen days of service of the

order requiring payment. A short extension of that deadline may have been appropriate in light

of Mr. Papai's regular absences from his home, but a request filed more than three months after

issuance of the order to pay is clearly outside the bounds of reasonableness, especially since

installment payments can be made, at most, over a six-month period. D.C. Code § 6-2703(b)(5).

Accordingly, it is, this ______ day of ______, 2001:

ORDERED, that Respondents' request for additional time to pay the \$500.00 penalty

imposed by the October 12 order is **DENIED**.

/s/ 1-29-01

John P. Dean

Administrative Judge

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